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**LODI FATHER AND SON INDICTED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO
THE FBI IN CONNECTION WITH TERRORIST MATTERS**

**Hamid Hayat Is Charged With Lying to the FBI Regarding His Attendance
at a Pakistani Jihadist Terrorist Training Camp; Umer Hayat Is
Charged With Lying About His Knowledge of Pakistani Terrorist Training Camps**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott and FBI Special Agent in Charge Keith Slotter announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment charging UMER HAYAT, age 47, and HAMID HAYAT, age 22, both of Lodi, with making false statements to the FBI.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) which is comprised of federal, state, and local law enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney R. Steven Lapham and S. Robert Tice-Raskin, who are prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that defendant HAMID HAYAT, and his father, UMER HAYAT, made a series of false statements to the FBI in matters related to international and domestic terrorism. Specifically, the indictment charges that on June 3, 2005, HAMID HAYAT falsely stated that: he was not involved in any way with any type of terrorist organization, that he never attended any type of terrorist training camp, that he never attended a jihadist training camp, that he never attended a terrorist training camp in Pakistan, and that he would never be involved in anything related to terrorism. In truth, as the indictment charges, the defendant had attended one or more jihadist terrorist training camps in Pakistan.

The second count against HAMID HAYAT charges that on June 4, 2005, the defendant falsely stated that he never attended a terrorist camp, that he never received any training directed toward a Jihad against the United States, and that he never received any weapons training at a jihadist camp, when, in truth and in fact, defendant HAMID HAYAT had attended one or more jihadist terrorist training camps, which included weapons training, in Pakistan.

The single charge against UMER HAYAT, count three of the indictment, alleges that on June 4, 2005, defendant UMER HAYAT falsely stated that he had no first hand knowledge of terrorist training camps in Pakistan that would prepare people to fight for Jihad, and that his son, HAMID HAYAT, did not attend any terrorist or jihadist training camps. In fact, as defendant

UMER HAYAT then knew, he had visited various terrorist training camps in Pakistan, and his son HAMID HAYAT had attended one or more jihadist terrorist training camps in Pakistan.

Both defendants were previously charged by complaint on June 7, 2005 for having made false statements to the FBI. They were arraigned on June 7, to which they pled not guilty. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure (FRCP) 5.1, the magistrate judge must hold a preliminary hearing within 10 working days of that date, which in this case is June 21, 2005. FRCP 5.1 further provides that the preliminary hearing requirement is mooted if a grand jury returns an indictment during the 10-day time period. The defendants will appear before Magistrate Judge Peter Nowinski for arraignment on the indictment on June 21, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Both defendants are currently being held in custody without bail in the Sacramento County jail.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law is eight years of imprisonment, per charge, followed by three years of supervised release.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The United States Attorney's Office has set up a telephone number which media may call to obtain updates in this case. The number is 916-554-2732.

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